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ABSTRACT

This report to the community provides an overview of the programs, services, faculty, staff, and students at Johnson County Community College (JCCC) in Kansas for 1997-98. Messages from the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees open the report and are followed by an outline of JCCC's mission, which focuses on general education, degree preparation, career and continuing education, community service, cultural education, developmental education, student development and services, cooperative partnerships, and economic developments. Local Milestones includes keeping local control, campus expansion, the Academy for Information Technology, a $1 million donation, and community arts partners. Highlighted are some honors and accomplishments of faculty and staff, as well as those of students. Certain instructor transitions and new college conveniences also are noted. Described are new programs that have made other degrees and certificates available, including early childhood education, medical office assistant, legal nurse consultant postsecondary, mediation, and supervisory skills assessment. The report concludes with information regarding meeting community needs, fiscal responsibility, and members of the JCCC Foundation. (AS)

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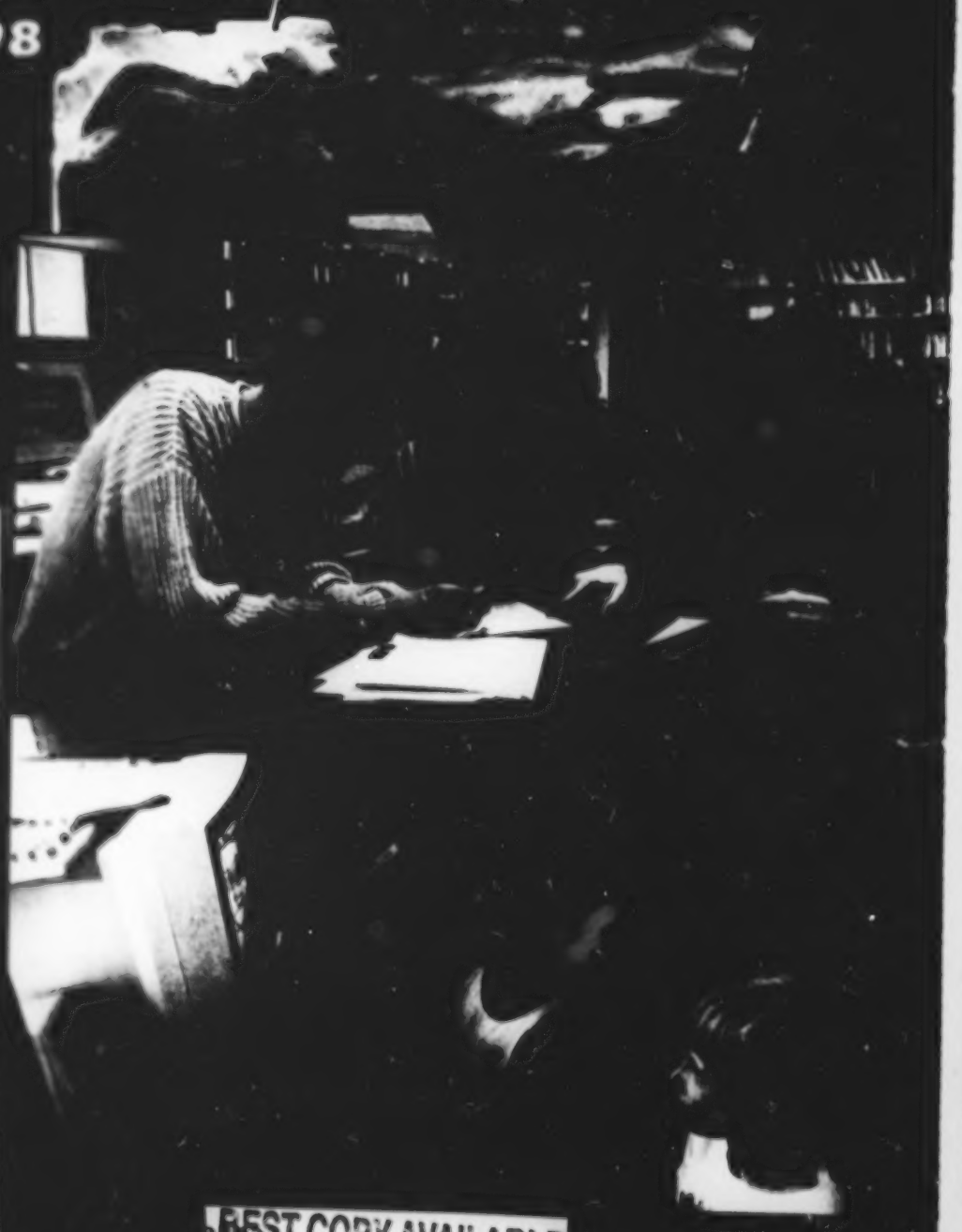

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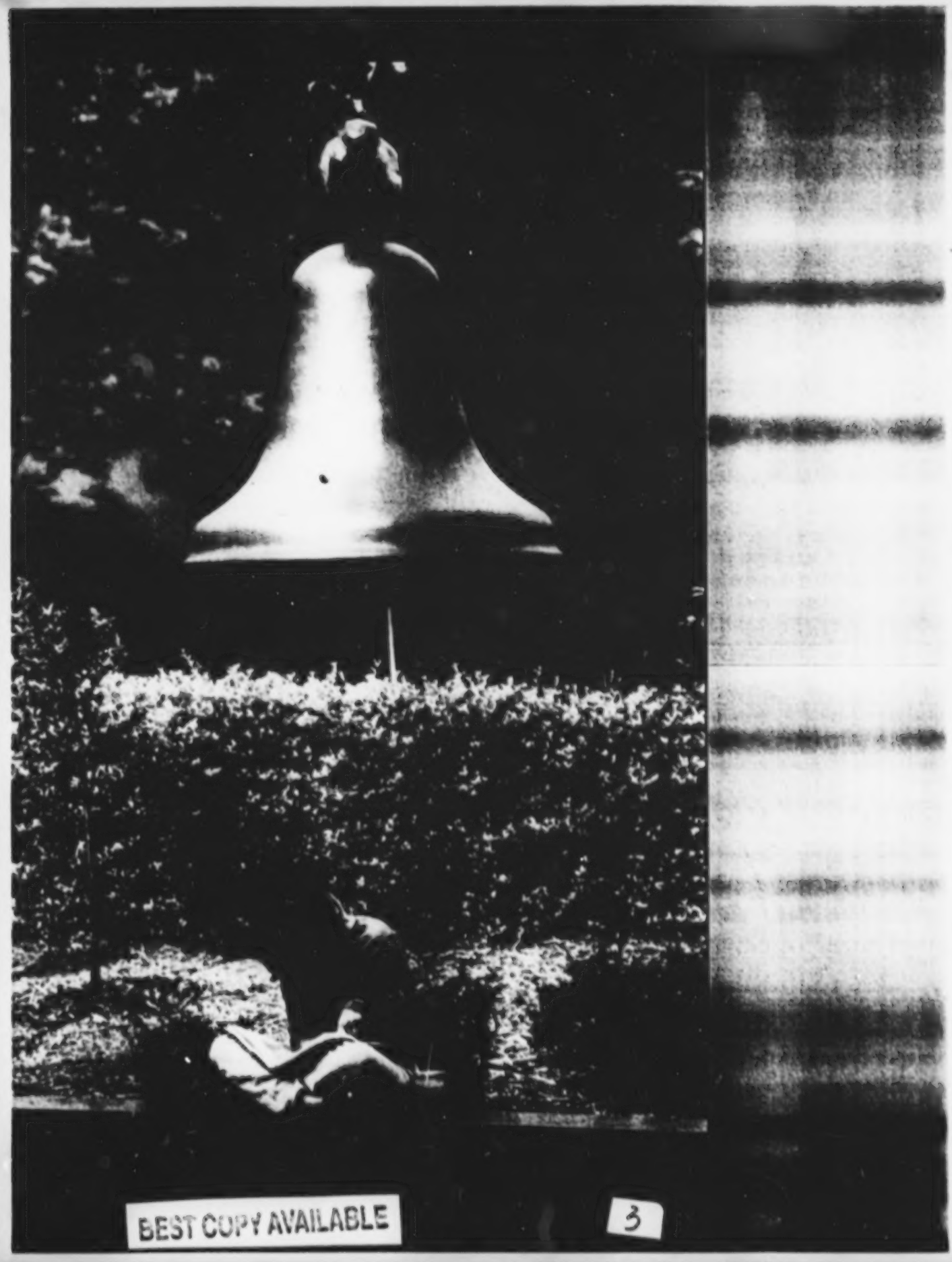

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A Message from the President

The Community's College

Dr. Charles J. Carlsen

Dear friends:

Johnson County Community College is just what our name says – the community's college. We are supported by the community, governed by members of the community and respond to community needs.

That's why so much time and thought this year went into studying a bill proposed by the Kansas House Select Committee on Higher Education. The proposal, which did not pass, would have placed the state's 19 community colleges and all of its four-year universities under a new Council on Higher Education. The colleges would have received more funding from the state, but were in grave danger of losing their local control – the very thing that makes them community colleges.

As you can see from this report covering the 1997-98 academic year, JCCC is here to meet the needs of the community. Our Academy for Information Technology opened in the fall of 1997 to help students and businesses keep up with the expanding need for trained experts in the information technology field. New early childhood education and mediation programs were developed in response to community requests with input from local professionals. Our award-winning Career Fair with a Twist sent faculty out to area businesses to learn how they can better prepare students to meet business needs. And we offered general education classes at four outlying locations – DeSoto, Gardner, Spring Hill and in the northern part of the county – to make college even more convenient for Johnson Countians.

And speaking of that, technology is also helping JCCC make the college more convenient for county residents. For the 1998 spring semester, thousands of students enrolled electronically through their touch-tone phones and over the World Wide Web. In addition, a growing number of courses are now available on the Web. Students can study and take tests on line, communicating with their instructor via e-mail.

At JCCC, our intention is to listen to the community so that we know their needs and are ready to help. We are grateful for the generous support of this community and have proven ourselves a good investment for county tax dollars. For every tax dollar we collect, we return about $2.98 to the community, for a net economic impact of about $360 million each year.

Maintaining local governance by the college's six-member board of trustees, composed of county residents elected by public vote, will ensure that JCCC remains responsive to the community and an excellent public investment. This report, looking back over 1997-98, will give you an overview of our accomplishments and an understanding of our goals, our purpose and our projects. We are your community college, and we want you to know the part we play in – and for – Johnson County.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Carlsen
President

Elaine Perilla

A Message from the Chair, Board of Trustees

In this report we not only look back at 1997-98 but ahead to 1998-99 and beyond. We at Johnson County Community College will be celebrating our 30th year in 1998-99. Yes, your community college has been serving this community for 30 years!

The 1,380 students who came to the building in Merriam, the 3,600 students who were on this campus when the doors opened in 1972, and the 30,000 students we now serve have come to this community college to fulfill their educational and lifelong learning needs.

This report will let you know about growth and expansion both in the programs and services we offer and in our actual physical space. When you come to campus you will discover that this is truly Johnson County's college. You will see an institution that is energetic, innovative, open minded, committed to excellence, daring to develop opportunities, and flexible in its response to community needs.

Changing the governance structure of the community colleges in Kansas was a topic of much discussion in 1997-98. The ability of JCCC to respond to the needs of this community is rooted in this issue. With local control, JCCC can operate under the authority of a locally elected board of trustees. Local control allows the board to set the college's budget locally, in response to the learning needs of the citizens of Johnson County.

By virtue of the strong support the college has enjoyed from this community, we have been able to make significant contributions. To continue our role as a community partner, we will harness the collective wisdom of our students, faculty, administrators, staff and community leaders as we plan for the future. We are a college built on proud accomplishments of the past, yet stretching ourselves to anticipate the challenges of tomorrow.

I hope that you will make plans to visit the campus this year to help us celebrate 30 successful years.

The future is here. And we are ready.

Sincerely,

Elaine Perilla
Chair
JCCC Board of Trustees

The Mission of Johnson County Community College

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Johnson County Community College is a comprehensive community college committed to serving the current and emerging needs of the residents of Johnson County for higher academic education, technical/vocational education and lifelong learning, incorporating diverse instructional methods and current technology in the teaching and learning process. The college seeks to respond to identified needs of the community by providing high-quality educational programs and student and community services that are accessible to all who can benefit from them. This mission is fulfilled through:

- **General Education**: innovative, high-quality general education courses integrated throughout the curriculum, enabling students to communicate effectively, use mathematics, employ appropriate methods of inquiry and problem solving, and understand ethical issues and the importance of cultural and international diversity.
- **Degree Preparation**: coursework leading to an associate's degree and/or lower-division preparation for college/university transfer.
- **Career Education**: programs for occupational/technical preparation, upgrading and retraining to meet industry standards for work force development.
- **Continuing Education/Community Services/Cultural Education**: lifelong educational programming for personal and professional growth, cultural and recreational enrichment and international education leading to an understanding and appreciation of diversity.
- **Developmental Education**: instruction and programming that focus on basic skills development.
- **Student Development/Student Services**: admissions, testing, student activities, counseling, financial aid and other supportive student services, including career counseling and placement services, to assist in the development and meet the special needs of a diverse and changing student population.
- **Cooperative Partnerships/Economic Development**: educational partnerships with business, industry, government and other community groups; programs promoting economic development; and programs and services promoting articulation and collaboration with secondary schools, colleges and universities, and other educational organizations.

Keeping local control

Kansas community colleges waged a struggle for local control in the spring of 1998. The Kansas Legislature wrestled with a $138 million proposal from the House Select Committee on Higher Education that would have placed community colleges under the supervision of a new 11-member Council on Higher Education, instead of the state Board of Education. The council also would have overseen the state's four-year university system, and the Kansas Board of Regents would have been abolished. The plan would have lowered local tax levies and increased the amount of state taxes that support community colleges. To do this would have taken a constitutional amendment, requiring a statewide vote.

While Gov. Bill Graves was concerned about the high price of the plan, the community colleges worried that with increased state financial assistance would come the expectation of a greater state voice in local community college affairs.

Johnson County Community College already has the lowest mill levy in the state, so local taxpayers would have seen a change in their local tax bill of little more than two mills. However, if implemented, the plan would have meant about a 5 percent increase in tuition for JCCC students and a jump in state funding from 20 percent to 30 percent of the budget, requiring more of Johnson County residents when they paid state income and sales taxes. More than a quarter of Kansas' sales and income tax money already comes from Johnson County. And with that increase in funding would have come the authority – by the council – to approve both the college's mission statement and its master plan, including facilities.

"The mission statement and master plan should be the prerogatives of the local boards," said Dr. Charles J. Carlsen, JCCC president. "Why should a state agency approve our buildings if all the money comes from Johnson County?" In addition, Carlsen pointed out, state approval of a college's mission statement could give the council power over classes and programs needed to meet local needs.

In March, the bill was approved by the House of Representatives, prompting the board of trustees to issue a statement outlining its stand against the plan. However, at the end of the month, the state Senate ran out of time to discuss the bill and the battle for control ended with local sovereignty intact – at least, for 1998.

Local Milestones

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The campus expands

In April, JCCC broke ground on a new $10.3 million expansion to the Commons building. When completed in the fall of 1999, the expansion will nearly double the size of the existing 86,000-square-foot building. The three-story addition will be attached to the west side of the existing Commons building and will house all student services – enrollment, financial aid, the career center, counseling and testing. The addition will also house a larger bookstore and a new food court.

Instead of raising the mill levy to pay for the expansion, college administrators looked at "user fees." Construction of the Commons addition is funded through revenue bonds, which will be repaid through student Commons and parking fees and bookstore, concessions, vending and food service revenues.

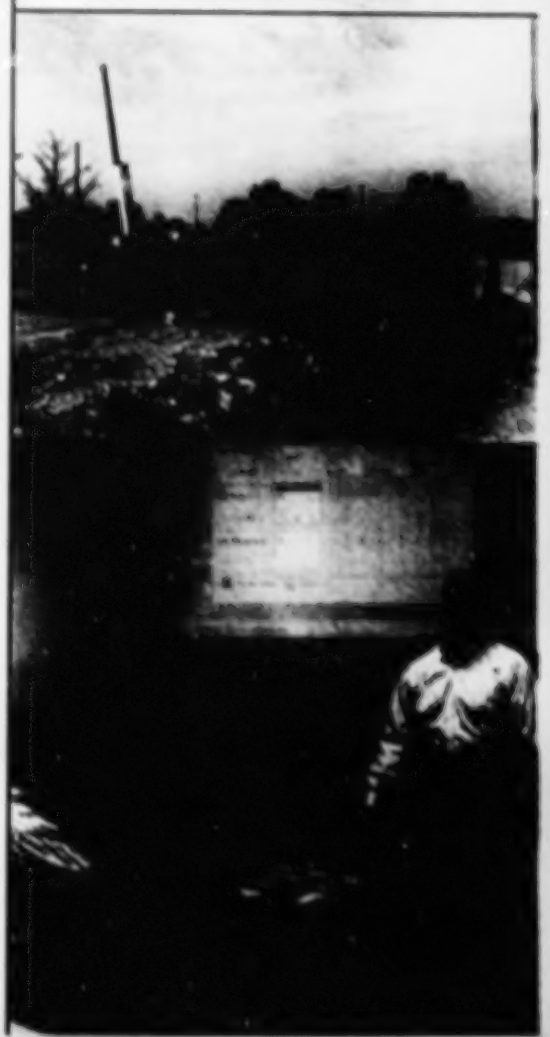
When the Commons addition is completed, the space currently occupied by student services offices will be remodeled to house 70 faculty offices. The current bookstore, now in the CEC, will be converted to six classrooms. Completion of these projects, totaling $1.5 million to be paid for out of general funds, is anticipated in 2000.

Academy for Information Technology

Fall 1997 saw the opening of JCCC's Academy for Information Technology in a 9,500-square-foot space at West Park Center, 87th Street and Farley, Overland Park. The academy offers credit and continuing education classes in information technology and houses a resource center, student services and three computer labs, each dedicated to a different network technology – Windows NT, Novell Network and Unix.

The academy is used by credit students who are seeking an associate's degree in information technology, a local area network administrator (LAN) vocational certificate or a LAN technology specialist vocational certificate. The academy is also used by continuing education students who enroll in JCCC's Business and Industry Institute's short-term accelerated classes on topics such as the Internet and networking, LAN disaster planning and recovery, and LAN components and design. College officials expect the academy to serve 4,000 to 5,000 students in 1998-99.

"The academy will meet the needs of students, whether those are academic credits or professional pursuits," said LeAnna Wilson, director, Business and Industry Institute at JCCC. "We foresee credit students coming back for continuing education after completing a degree or certificate because software is constantly changing. And we also foresee professionals in information technology who come for continuing education classes and realize that degrees are now available."



A $1 million donation

In January 1998, JCCC received one of its largest donations ever – $1 million – from the estate of Nell Mitchell, a physical education teacher who taught at Paseo High School in Kansas City, Mo. When she died in August 1995, Mitchell left the bulk of her estate to the JCCC Foundation, designating that the money be placed in an endowment with the proceeds used for "scholarship purposes in the field of physical education."

Mitchell was not a familiar figure at the college. She did not have friends or contacts at the college, nor did she inform anyone of her intentions. "The only thing we can deduce is that she truly believed in the mission of the college and believed it was important to the community," said Dr. Charles J. Carlsen, JCCC president. The college will honor Mitchell's request to place her gift in a permanent endowment and use the interest for physical education scholarships. Some of the money will also be used for "scholarships for the community at large" – public events and well-known speakers on physical education.

Community arts partners

The Continuing Education and Community Services division named six community arts partners for 1997-98:

- Olathe Community Theatre Association, performing *Olathe Live!*
- The Overland Park Orchestra, an annual Halloween concert
- The Overland Park Arts Commission, with a performance by Russian pianist Lilya Zilberstein
- The Olathe Community Orchestra and Chorus, in a joint performance of Brahms' *German Requiem*
- The Kansas City Music Teachers Association, multi-piano concert
- The Wylliams/Henry Danse Theatre performing *Church of Nations* by New York choreographer Kevin Jeffs, and *Voice of the Ancestors*, a multimedia work featuring a Cherokee Nation dancer

The partnerships help nonprofit community organizations present programming in the college's Cultural Education Center. For partners, the rental fee is waived for any of the CEC's four theaters for one day, on a space-available basis. For the 1997-98 partners, JCCC waived $8,500 in theater rental costs.

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Kansas Professor of the Year

Carmaletta Williams, JCCC English instructor, was named the 1997 Kansas Professor of the the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. With a master's degree in English, Williams teaches composition and literature classes and is the course content instructor for the JCCC developmental writing programs, which serve underprepared students. She is also involved in History Alive!, sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council, which brings first-person characterizations of historical figures to high school students. A founding member of the program, Williams has taken her characterization of Zora Neale Hurston to more than 3,500 middle and high school students. She also participates in Talk About Literature in Kansas (TALK), which provides book talks to community reading groups.

Carmaletta Williams

Awards and honors

- Ten instructors and counselors at JCCC received the 1997 Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes and rewards excellence in job performance. The recipients were chosen by an external judge, Dr. David Smith, associate professor and director of undergraduate studies at the University of Kansas. Recipients were:

Renee Arnett, dental hygiene instructor

Dr. Chuck Bishop, history instructor

Dr. Vincent Clark, history instructor

Dr. Kevin Gratton, physical science instructor

Dr. Carol Green-Nigro, nursing instructor

Dr. Michael Hembree, history instructor

Pat Jonason, reading/Academic Achievement Center instructor

Mark Raduziner, journalism and media communications instructor

Anita Tebbe, paralegal instructor and career program facilitator

Roger Traver, economics instructor

Renee Arnett

Dr. Chuck Bishop

Dr. Vincent Clark

Dr. Kevin Gratton

Dr. Carol Green-Nigro

Dr. Michael Hembree

Pat Jonason

Mark Raduziner

Anita Tebbe

Roger Traver

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Mark Morman

The Accomplishments of Faculty and Staff

• Three instructors received the 1998 Burlington Northern Award which recognizes outstanding contributions to education. The awards are made possible by a special grant from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. The 1998 winners were:

Mark Morman, speech instructor

Carolyn Neptune, math instructor

Ann Wiklund, art history instructor

Also nominated for the Burlington Northern awards were:

Carol Cattaneo, nursing instructor

Julane Crabtree, math instructor

Maureen Fitzpatrick, English instructor

Bob Hunt, physical science instructor

Shirly Kleiner, accounting systems technology instructor and career program facilitator

Fred Krebs, history instructor

Deborah Ludwig, librarian

Gary Nicklaus, metal fabrication instructor

Carol Rodriguez, office systems technology instructor

Karen Schory, communication design instructor

Sherry Shively, accounting instructor

Dr. Ruth Slesser, psychology instructor

Kim Stabbe, dental hygiene instructor

Lynda Swander, life science instructor

Carolyn Neptune

Ann Wiklund

Carol Cattaneo

Julane Crabtree

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The Accomplishments of Faculty and Staff

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- In September 1997, Dr. Charles J. Carlsen, JCCC president, was named the new chairman of the board of the League for Innovation in the Community College. This is the second time Carlsen has held this position; the first was in 1988. He has served on the League's board for 17 years. The League for Innovation in the Community College is the only major consortium in North America specifically committed to improving community colleges through experimentation and innovation; only 19 community colleges in the United States and Canada are members. Carlsen also received the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. The Gordon Award recognizes college presidents and other campus chief executive officers for their outstanding efforts toward promoting the goals of Phi Theta Kappa. In February 1998, Carlsen was also named the JCCC Foundation's Johnson Countian of the Year; he will be honored at the Foundation's gala, Some Enchanted Evening, in the fall.

- JCCC's Academic Achievement Center was awarded the 1997-98 Outstanding Developmental Program Award from the Midwest Regional Association of Developmental Educators. The award is given in recognition of outstanding service provided by the program to students. Pat Jonason, facilitator of the Academic Achievement Center and instructor in the JCCC reading program, also won the College Reading and Learning Association distinguished service award at its national conference. The Academic Achievement Center offers students help with spelling, reading, study skills, vocabulary, math, preparatory chemistry and medical terminology.

- The Student Services branch was recognized for organizational excellence at the Managing Change Through Leadership and Learning Conference, sponsored by North Carolina State University. JCCC received a David Pierce Leadership Award in the team category for its efforts to improve community college effectiveness. The award was based on such criteria as team culture and commitment, team mission, memberships, quality of communication, and outcomes and rewards of a team approach to effective college programs.

- The Career Fair with a Twist won the 1997 National Association of Colleges and Employers/Chevron Award for innovative programming in career services. The Career Fair with a Twist is an altered career fair in which faculty rather than students participate. The fair allows educators to learn more about what businesses look for in new employees so that they can help students become more marketable and competitive job candidates. During the August 1997 in-service, faculty made on-site visits to area businesses to learn more about their needs.

- Dr. Marilyn Rhinehart, associate dean of instruction, was elected to a three-year term on the Kansas Humanities Council board of directors. A statewide organization headquartered in Topeka, KHC promotes the preservation and interpretation of history and cultural traditions.

Dr. Marilyn Rhinehart

Christina M. Currey

Bonnie L. Flynn

Student awards

- Two JCCC students were named to the 1998 All-Kansas Academic Team in February 1998. Christina M. Currey, Manhattan, and Bonnie L. Flynn, Overland Park, were JCCC's team representatives, joining students from 18 other Kansas community colleges on the state team. In February, team members were honored in Topeka with a tour of the Capitol and an awards banquet. Each student was also nominated for the 1998 All-USA Academic Team, recognized in USA Today. The program is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa (a national honor society for two-year schools), the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents.

- Tom Jordan, a second-year student from Olathe, was elected international president of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges and schools, in April. Jordan is the first student from Kansas elected to the office in more than 60 years. As president, he will act as an ambassador for PTK, giving speaking engagements and representing Phi Theta Kappa members at conventions and conferences.

- JCCC's culinary team won the national title in the American Culinary Federation National Student Team Culinary Competition in Atlanta. After winning five gold medals in 15 state culinary competitions, the JCCC team qualified for the "Final Four" of student culinary team hot food competition. Members of the team and their places of employment at the time of the competition were Jessie Head, The Grand Street Cafe; Doug Coole, Mission Hills Country Club; Diane M. Dougherty, Feast of Fancy Catering; Heather Krokstrom, Eurest Employers Reinsurance Corporation; and Elizabeth J. Redford, Hallbrook Country Club. The team was coached by John Joyce, JCCC instructor.

Transitions

Dr. Ken Gibson, dean of instruction, left JCCC in the summer of 1998 to become president of Donnelly College in Kansas City, Kan. In his years at JCCC, Gibson oversaw the increased application of technology to the curriculum, development of JCCC's railroad technology and information technology programs, expansion of the hospitality management program and JCCC's new role as the Johnson County vocational school.

Dr. Ken Gibson

Making college convenient

Thanks to technology, enrollment at JCCC is EASI – meaning Electronic Access to Student Information. In 1997-98, JCCC instituted two electronic methods of enrollment using either a touch-tone phone or the World Wide Web.

Electronic registration went online in the fall for spring 1998 enrollment. The two methods received more than 6,000 hits and more than 2,600 enrollments. Using a personal identification number, students activated the college's interactive voice response system using a touchtone telephone. Voice prompts led the caller through the registration process, informing registrants if classes were filled and providing options to add/drop classes. Web registration offered even more advantages as students searched for available classes by time and category (for example, a list of art classes offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings). The only component of registration that couldn't be completed by the electronic access was fee payment, but that should be in place by fall 1998.

"This initiative allows the college to take information to students rather than making students come to us," said Dr. Pat Long, dean, Student Services. "Fewer than 10 schools in the country are using this technology."

In spring 1998, students were also able to access their grades electronically.

For the first time in 1997-98, JCCC took many of its classes off campus. Students in Gardner-Edgerton, Spring Hill, DeSoto and the northern part of the county could enroll in several general education classes, ranging from composition to Western civilization to introduction to business, held in the local high schools.

In addition, more courses were available in nontraditional formats. While JCCC has long had an extensive offering of TV courses, in 1997-98 students could enroll in classes delivered using a computer or over the World Wide Web. Students, for example, in Composition I, Sociology, U.S. History to 1877 or Introduction to Psychology classes taught over the web received all their instruction and took their exams on line. Communication with the instructor usually took place on the Internet or by e-mail. Each class is equivalent to the sections of the same course taught on-campus in terms of objectives and content.

"We are trying to make going to college as convenient and easy as possible," said Dr. Dennis Day, assistant dean, Student Services.

New programs

In 1997-98, JCCC introduced new academic programs to meet the needs of Johnson County, including:

- **Early childhood education degree** – This 67-hour associate's degree allows students to specialize in one of three areas: administration, care and education of young children with special needs, or infant and toddler care and education. In addition to classroom work, students also receive practical education at JCCC's Children's Center and Heartland Learning Center.

- **Medical office assistant certificate** – This new 14-hour certificate program will meet the needs of physicians' offices and hospitals, training students in medical billing and coding and medical transcription for entry-level positions in medical offices. Current medical office staff could also enroll to update their skills.

- **Legal nurse consultant postsecondary certificate** – JCCC is among the first 11 colleges in the country to offer a certificate program to meet the growing demand for registered nurses who work as legal consultants. LNCs are liaisons between the legal and health care communities, working in law firms, independent practice, insurance companies, government offices and risk management departments. The 18-hour postsecondary certificate program requires applicants to be registered nurses with a current state license and 2,500 hours of clinical work.

- **Mediation** – JCCC's Center for Professional Education now offers a three-day seminar and practicum on mediation, in partnership with the city of Overland Park. Participants who complete the course, including co-mediation of three cases under the supervision of a certified mediator, are eligible to be certified mediators in Kansas. JCCC's program is unique in the state. While other institutions offer the lecture material, no other program has the additional component of the practicum, a necessary requisite to state certification.

- **Supervisory Skills Assessment** – The Business and Industry Institute at JCCC now offers an external, objective assessment of skills for managers and supervisors through its Supervisory Skills Assessment Center. The process begins with "diagnostic tests," evaluating strengths and development needs in 10 skill areas, followed by a one-day assessment involving exercises and simulations. Three weeks later, supervisors receive an evaluation during a half-day seminar. Participants are given an objective, detailed analysis of their strengths and then create an individualized development plan to help them in their three lowest scoring areas.

Fire Services program is accredited

JCCC's fire services degree is one of the first three degree programs in the world to be recommended for accreditation by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Accreditation team members conducted a two-day site visit at the college in May and recommended accreditation to the IFSAC board of governors. JCCC has offered an associate of arts degree in fire services since 1991 in cooperation with the Johnson County Fire Chiefs Association and the University of Kansas Fire Service Training Program. The accreditation team commended JCCC for its state-of-the art training facilities and its association with fire fighting agencies.

Fountain of Knowledge

JCCC's Fountain of Knowledge flowed toward completion in 1997-98. After the Campus Art Acquisitions Committee reviewed proposals from a wide range of artists, the board of trustees in March approved a plan to use $25,000 of the college's 1997-98 art acquisition funds to commission artist Jesus Bautista Moroles to create the fountain. Moroles' design calls for black granite with a thermal finished floor, 38 feet long and 17 feet wide, with two black granite sculptures that will serve as fountains. Other Moroles sculptures can be seen at Rock Port, Texas; the Wichita State University Museum; and a memorial to the Houston Police Department.

College planners have always envisioned a fountain in the central courtyard adjacent to the area known as Galileo's Garden, designed by the late Kansas City artist Dale Eldred. The fountain was never completed because of funding concerns. In 1996-97, JCCC's Student Senate and student clubs and organizations developed the "Fountain of Knowledge" project, raising approximately $10,000 to be used for the mechanical part of the fountain. Contributions to the project honor instructors and staff members, who will be listed on a recognition board that will be placed near the fountain.

Service Learning in Mexico

In May, 13 JCCC students and five faculty left behind the amenities of suburban life to work for a week in Las Pintas, an area of Mexico that lacks fresh water, sewage treatment and medical care. The group helped construct a community center that serves as a classroom/medical center and taught children in afterschool care.

This was the first international project for JCCC students, who have participated in service-learning projects in Kansas City for five years. In 1997, the JCCC International Club and Phi Theta Kappa sent money and supplies to Las Pintas via a faculty member and two students, who saw the need for additional help. In 1998, several student clubs, the International Education Program and the Service Learning Program expanded the project to include hands-on help. Students raised money for supplies and travel expenses through fund-raising activities and also received assistance from the Student Senate, Student Activities and JCCC's Center for Teaching and Learning.

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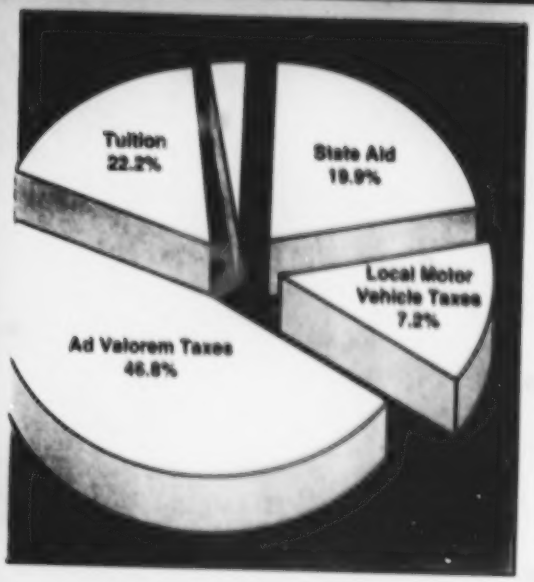
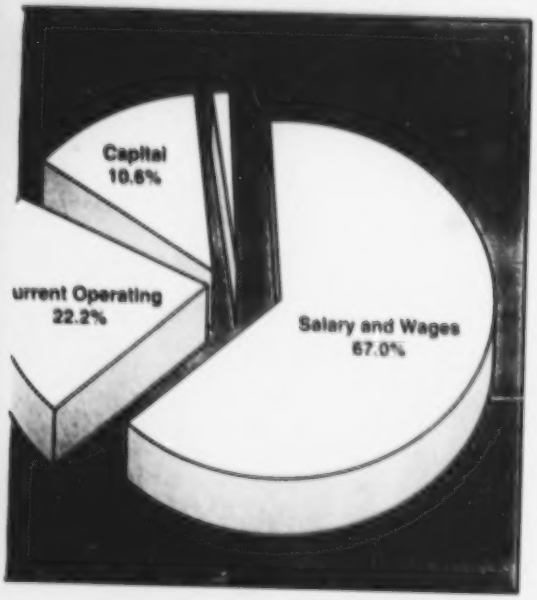


1997-98 Revenues



1997-98 Expenditures

A decrease in the mill levy

In 1997-98, for the fifth year in a row, the college reduced its mill levy. The college assessed a levy of 8.540 mills, a reduction of .405 mills from the 1996-97 levy, which was 8.946 mills. Careful not to take advantage of any windfall gained through property reappraisal, the college's 1997-98 budget was based on growth in assessed valuation attributable to new construction, as otherwise adjusted for a Kansas Supreme Court ruling on business equipment assessed valuation and a decrease in motor vehicle receipts.

About 54 percent of JCCC's funding comes from county taxes; the rest comes from student tuition, college Commons fees, state aid, out-of district tuition and some federal funding. In 1996-97, the owner of a typical home in Johnson County, costing about $157,00, paid $161.52 for the college's share of county taxes. In 1997-98, the same homeowner paid slightly more than $154.

For fiscal and academic year 1997-98, the college's management budget, representing the actual amount spent in a year, was $90,914,629. It was composed of the operating budget, totaling $55,379,220, and the budgets for all other funds such as employee benefits, capital outlay and financial aid, totaling $35,535,409.

Contributions to community

- JCCC is the state's third largest institution of higher education and the largest of its 19 community colleges. Yet it has the lowest mill levy.
- JCCC returns about $2.98 to the community for every tax dollar it collects and has a net economic impact of about $360 million annually.
- JCCC's partnership with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and the city of Overland Park adds $60 million to the county's economic base.
- The college's Business and Industry Institute has assisted more than 126,000 people from 2,500 businesses since 1983. The institute has helped local businesses obtain more than $16.2 million in training grants.
- In 1997-98, the Center for Professional Education at JCCC served the needs of almost 14,000 professionals with relicensure or recertification requests.
- More than $8.5 million in federal student financial aid funds were distributed to students for college and living expenses. JCCC students also received $714,033 in scholarships.
- More than 1,200 adults prepared to take the GED exam or improved their skills in Adult Basic Education courses through JCCC's Project Finish.

Fiscal Responsibility

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Statistics for the year

- Fall 1997 enrollment at JCCC was 15,302, an increase of 1.5 percent. Spring 1998 enrollment was 15,467, an increase of 5.0 percent over the previous year.

- In 1997-98, JCCC graduated 1,251 students with associate's degrees or vocational certificates. More than 480 students passed the General Education Development exam to obtain their high school equivalency diploma.

- In fall 1997, 55.5 percent of all JCCC students were female, 51.7 percent were considered freshmen and 76.0 percent lived in Johnson County. The average age of JCCC students was 27.5.

- In addition, JCCC served more than 200,000 county residents in 1997-98 through the four areas that compose Continuing Education and Community Services: the Business and Industry Institute, the Center for Professional Education, Community Services and Cultural Education.

- More than 100,000 people attended 350 performances in the Cultural Education Center in 1997-98.

- JCCC's new Intensive English Program for international students served more than 180 students during 1997-98.

Surveys show

According to surveys conducted during 1997-98 by JCCC's Office of Institutional Research, nearly 85 percent of students who completed a career program at JCCC in 1992-93 are now, five years later, still employed in a job related to their course of study. Of the respondents who are employed in their field of study, 92 percent are working full-time. Nearly 91 percent expressed satisfaction with their full-time related job.

Furthermore, eight out of 10 of the respondents to a survey of students who completed career programs at JCCC in 1995-96 also reported they were employed in a job related to their program of study. Their employers were also happy; nine out of 10 of the employers surveyed rated the overall job preparation of their employees as excellent or good.

The Johnson County Community College Foundation

Through its fund-raising efforts, the JCCC Foundation supports student scholarships, cultural programming and visual arts at the college. In 1997-98, the Foundation's total revenues were $2,200,000. Brian Gardner was the 1997-98 Foundation president.

Dreamweavers

The goal of the Dreamweavers campaign is to grow the Foundation's endowment by $10.85 million by the year 2000. Funds generated will provide scholarships to students and support performances and exhibitions in the Cultural Education Center.

Some Enchanted Evening

In 1997, Some Enchanted Evening, the Foundation's black-tie gala, generated $174,000 for the college's scholarship endowment (this total is the highest amount yet raised in the event's 11-year history). George and Floricne Lieberman were honored as Johnson Countians of the Year for their outstanding service to the community. Rich and Dian Guthrie were co-chairs for the event.

Celebrity Series

The Celebrity Series, supported by donations from area corporations and music aficionados, brought to the Cultural Education Center in 1997-98 mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade, the Prague Chamber Orchestra, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg. The series' annual campaign brought $104,000 in cash and in-kind services.

Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends supports the performing arts in the CEC. Circle membership is granted to donors and provides an array of benefits, including individual performance and season tickets as well as invitations to receptions and special recognition events.

Gallery Associates

The Gallery Associates is a donors' society supporting the college's Gallery of Art. Donors are awarded membership to the Gallery Associates, receive invitations to dinners and receptions for artists in collectors' homes and vote on upcoming acquisitions.

Oppenheimer-Stein Sculpture Collection

Five works have been acquired for the Oppenheimer-Stein Sculpture Collection at JCCC. The project is funded by Tony and Marti Oppenheimer and the Jules and Doris Stein Foundation.

Cavalier Ambassadors

County businesses and individuals support the college's competitive athletic program with sponsorship packages starting at $100. Sponsors receive game passes, recognition in the sports program, a sign in the gymnasium, ads in game-day programs and signs next to the scoreboards.

Alumni Association

JCCC's Alumni Association is open to all JCCC graduates as well as those students who have 32 or more hours of credit from the college. In 1997-98, JCCC's Alumni Association raised $17,000 for the Alumni Endowment for Child Care and other short-term student needs.

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